

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Congo

a. Tshombé yesterday notified the UN of his willingness to have the Union Miniere's foreign exchange earnings funneled through a UN Monetary Council in Leopoldville.

b. He is asking that the UN, the US, UK and Belgium guarantee the arrangement under which Katanga would get back 50 percent of the earnings or a minimum of \$60 million a year out of the roughly \$250 million total.

c. There is guarded optimism in New York where Tshombé's generalized acceptance looks reasonably good on the surface.

d. There is, however, the usual suspicion that Tshombé is buying time and will prove elusive when it comes to working out specifics.

e. Adoula has not yet been officially informed of Tshombé's position, but with the press beginning to report the story from New York, he will soon have wind of it.

2. India-China

a. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Chinese Communist forces are withdrawing at several points along the border. The pull-back is taking place in at least one area of Ladakh as well as in the NEFA.

b. A Ceylonese diplomat is on his way to New Delhi and Peiping with the still undisclosed peace proposals worked out at the Colombo conference. Nehru said yesterday that he did not know exactly what the proposals entailed, but did not seem to relish what is coming: "it seems that what is obvious to us is not obvious to some," was his comment on the non-aligned conference.

c. Alarm in Nepal over the Chinese threat has brought an abrupt reversal in the downward course of relations with India. The Nepalese foreign minister, who is now in India urging close cooperation in warding off the threat, has declared that India can recruit as many Gurkha soldiers as it wants in Nepal and "use them as it thinks proper."

3. Borneo

a. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Action has dwindled to the point that British forces are suffering no casualties.

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c. Malayan prime minister Rahman [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has publicly absolved the Philippine government of blame for the revolt in hopes of preventing permanent damage to relations between them. The Filipinos, in turn, are showing traces of discomfort at having found themselves pointed in the same direction as the Indonesians, even if for different reasons.

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NOTES

- A. Brazil The state of Rio Grande do Sul, under Governor Brizola, has asked the Peace Corps to withdraw its six volunteers. In the discussion leading up to the action, local authorities were applying the word "agents" to the Peace Corps people.
- B. Laos Souvanna has inquired whether the US would object if he awarded decorations to the crew of the Air America plane shot down in the Plaine des Jarres late last month. Ambassador Unger sees this as something more than a polite gesture since it will be an unmistakable slap in the face to the Pathet Lao.
- C. Yemen The first Soviet ship to reach Yemen with a military cargo--tanks, armored cars, artillery were on board--arrived at the port of Hudaydah on Tuesday [redacted].
- D. Guatemala The rightist military group which tried to unseat President Ydigoras late last month remains intact [redacted].
- E. EEC-UK The Belgians and the Dutch both feel that the British have become increasingly rigid in negotiations with the EEC. Unless there is some easing off, they say, the British will not need French help to achieve exclusion.

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